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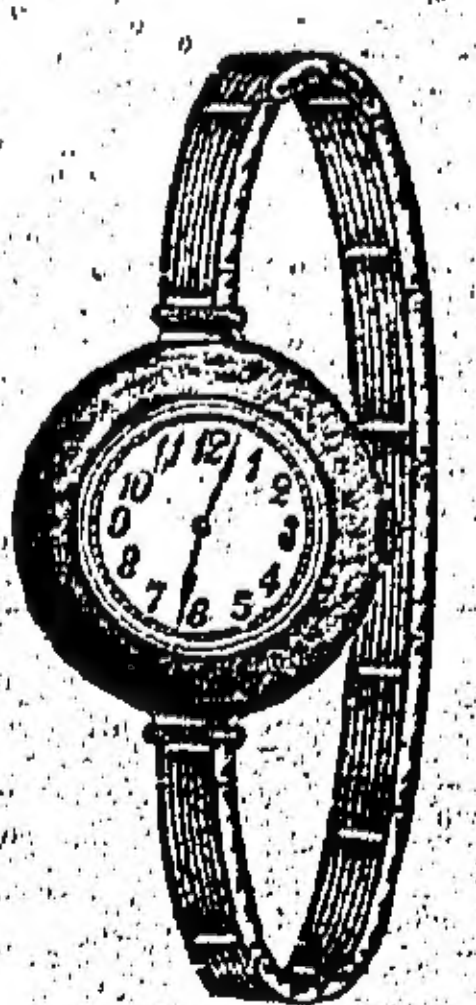
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Sinking Fund Account £125,850
£23,970,387
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THE DIARY

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.
Hogmanay.
New Year's Eve Dance at the Hongkong Hotel.

General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, Jan. 1.—
New Year's Day. Public Holiday.
SUNDAY, Jan. 2.—
Semi-final of Golf Championship at Fanling.
MONDAY, Jan. 3.—
3 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land at Office of the P. W. D.
TUESDAY, Jan. 4.—
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Furniture, Pianos, Carpets etc. at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.
WEDNESDAY, Jan. 5.—
Final of Golf Championship at Fanling.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Today's English Mail took parcels of socks etc., from the Union Church Ladies Working Party, to Col. Gordon Hall, R.A.M.C., for the use of troops in Egypt.

The Shanghai fund to provide Christmas gifts for Shanghai Volunteers amounted to £200. The names of 400 men were sent forward and it was hoped that each would receive a gift.

Mr. F. K. Keith, a visitor, reports the loss of a tortoise shell toilet set and a cigarette case valued at \$250 during a trip from Nagaoki to Hongkong or else from the T.K.K. godown, West Point.

A Chinese passenger travelling by the "Kigo Maru" complains to the Police that he has had stolen, either from his cabin while the ship was in Moji harbour, or else on the trip, money totalling \$2,500.

The Kailan-Mining Administration inform us that the total output of the Administration's mines for the week ending 18th December, 1915, amounted to 62,315 tons and the sales during the period, to 17,704 tons.

BIRTH.

MAURIN.—On December 24, at Shanghai, the wife of NEIL MAURIN, of a son.

DEATH.

BLISS.—On December 23, at Shanghai, VENETIA MAY, wife of LEONARD BLISS.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, Dec. 30, 1915.

PRINCIPLE OF COMPULSION ADOPTED.

THOUGH no official announcement is to hand at time of writing, it is clear that the British Cabinet, after an exhaustive discussion of the results of Lord D'ERBY'S recruiting campaign, has decided to fulfil the pledge given by the PRIME MINISTER to the married men of the United Kingdom that the single men shall be first drawn upon to meet military necessities. It would appear that there are upwards of 650,000 single men in the United Kingdom who have not attested their willingness to serve in the defence of their country. If it is true that the Prime Minister was able to persuade a Cabinet in which a substantial majority was hostile to the principle of Compulsion that the analysis of the recruiting returns shows the desirability of, if we may not say the urgent necessity for, an immediate adoption of the principle of compulsion, so far as unmarried men are concerned, it is, at least, eloquent of the state of public feelings on the subject. The latest telegram mentions only two members of the Cabinet as having opposed it to the end—the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the President of the Board of Trade, who based their opposition on the ground that the Government plan would prejudice Trade and Finance. The answer to that argument would seem to be that if a greatly increased army is calculated to more speedily bring the war to an end, it were better far that Trade and Finance should be prejudiced for the shorter rather than the longer, and probably far more difficult, period which the protraction of the war would entail. The only other argument against the compulsion of the unmarried men which the telegrams disclose is that the total of these unmarried men who have not attested "comprises many engaged in essential industries and numerous cases in which the son is the bread-winner." Such grounds for exemption as these, it seems to us, could well be left for review by local committees. On many grounds the Cabinet's decision must be approved, and one reason which should count with a Chancellor of the Exchequer is that the redemption of the Prime Minister's pledge to the married men will certainly mean a large saving in allowances to wives and families which otherwise would have to be paid under the fixed scale adopted by the Government.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The death is reported of Mr. George Syme Thompson, manager of Messrs. Dowdell and Co., Ltd., Yokohama.

Second Lieut. R. F. Long, who enlisted from Hongkong, is with the 3rd Division, 52nd Brigade, Field Artillery, "somewhere in France." In a letter to a friend he says he is in the best of health.

HONGKONG'S WAR PRISONERS.

QUESTION IN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.
The Hon. Mr. P. H. Hoysak at the meeting of the Legislative Council this afternoon gave verbal notice of a motion he would move at the next meeting as follows:—
"That in the opinion of this Council it is most desirable that the interned alien enemies should be removed from this Colony at the earliest practicable moment."
The Hon. Member added that he would hand a copy of this resolution to the Clerk of Councils at the close of the meeting.

THE PRINCE OF WALES FUND.

At the Legislative Council meeting this afternoon, before proceeding to the Orders of the Day, H.E. the Governor said he should like to mention, as they might have been in the Press, that the Prince of Wales' Fund closed to-morrow, and it had been suggested that a committee should be appointed to receive any subscriptions that might be given for war charities or any other purposes, connected with the war. The committee would receive all such contributions and would then allocate them as they thought best. There were many small subscribers who would like to give monthly sums and did not know exactly what object to give them to, and they thought as a committee might be useful. He would think of the names of gentlemen who might be useful in serving on such a committee and any further communication would be addressed to them in due course.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION.

At an Examination in First Aid to the Wounded, held recently at the Chinese Y.M.C.A., out of 9 Students examined the following were successful in qualifying for Certificates:—

* Lung Wing cho
* See To-chung
* Chan Chun-tim
* Cheo Ching cheen
* Cheung Kat-sing
* Chio Yan-kyong
* See She tong

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Dr. F. Lee was the Hon. Lecturer, and Dr. McLean Gibson acted as Hon. Examiner.

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THE MAGISTRACY.

AN OPIUM CASE.

A Chinese who was found in possession of seven taels of prepared opium on the Praya, was fined \$200 to-day by Mr. Hazeland.

BOARDING-HOUSE RUNNERS SENTENCED.

In sentencing three Chinese boarding-house "runners" to two months' imprisonment for boarding a ship at Lyedun without permission, Commander Beckwith, R.N., said that the offence was the revival of a dangerous practice which he thought he had finally stopped.

A SNATCH THIEF.

A youthful Chinese, who was sentenced in 1911 for larceny from the person, was this morning charged with attempting to steal from the person of a Chinese secretary to a firm in Wing Lok Street, a wallet containing \$360.

The complainant stated that he was carrying the wallet in his breast pocket and he suddenly felt a hand there. He seized it and handed over the defendant to the district watchman.

Defendant was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour.

ATTEMPTED LARCENY OF GAS FITTINGS.

A shopkeeper in Gough Street had his suspicions aroused, when a man who visited his house yesterday, commenced to take down gas pipes and then to unscrew the connection. He asked the man to come with him to the Police Station. It was there ascertained that the man was an unemployed blacksmith and that he had no authority to take away anything from the house. Charged with attempting to steal, he was sentenced by Mr. Wood to three months' imprisonment. A representative of the Gas Company told his Worship that such offences were getting quite common.

A DARING THEFT.

Charged with stealing from a Chinese passenger on the Ferry Wharf, a basket containing clothing valued at \$8 and \$16.40 in money, a coolie was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour and four hours' exposure in the stocks by Mr. Hazeland. Inspector McDonald said the complainant intended going to Tai Po by train this morning in company with his brother. While complainant was buying the tickets defendant went along to the complainant's brother and informed him there was some dirt on his coat. While looking for the dirt, defendant took up the basket and walked away, being arrested by a detective as he was about to jump into a ricksha.

THE DYNAMITE CASE.

The hearing of the charge against two Chinese of stealing dynamite from the New Western Rifle beds, Pokfulam, was resumed in Mr. Hazeland's Court. The two defendants gave evidence stating that the dynamite with which they were found in possession was to be used in filling holes in connection with the work. The Magistrate again commented on the evidence for the Crown and the apparent corroboration of the defendants' story. Detective-Sergeant Clark said all the witnesses were hostile; they were all in the swim. The contractor for the work lost a case of dynamite a month, or 400 sticks.

His Worship:—Then, the only way you can obviate this is for the head man to see how many holes there are to be exploded. In finding each defendant over in the sum of \$100, the Magistrate said that according to their statement both defendants said they were presented with a stick of dynamite by the contractor. They could not therefore be charged with larceny, but with receiving, on which charge he proposed binding them over.

"This sort of thieving will go on for ever and a day," said the Magistrate, "unless there is an absolutely reliable force man to count the holes and dole out an equal number of stick."

THE SCOTTISH RED CROSS FUND.

CONTRIBUTION BY SHANGHAI ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

At a meeting of the Committee of St. Andrew's Society, Shanghai, held on the evening of St. Andrew's Day, it was announced that a sum of nearly \$7,000 had been subscribed by members of the Society to the Scottish Red Cross Fund. When this announcement was made, the Chairman, Dr. E. C. Farish, informed the Committee that he had been authorized to state that if they could increase the amount to \$8,500, a personal friend of a member of the Committee would subscribe the additional \$1,500 required to make the fund up to \$10,000. The challenge was immediately taken up by the members of the Committee present, who pledged themselves to raise the necessary sum. The result was that the sum of \$9,153 15s. 10d. (the equivalent of \$10,000) was cable to the Scottish Red Cross Society last week.

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ABERDEEN MANSLAUGHTER CASE.

THE PATERNAL RURAL POLICE.

The trial of Tang Ming and Tang Tain for the manslaughter of a clansman who was alleged to have stolen from their vegetable gardens at Aberdeen, and who died from a beating the prisoners gave him with bamboo poles, was continued before the Chief Justice this morning.

Police Serjt. Floyd in the witness-box was questioned by the first prisoner as follows:—

"You, as the officer in charge of the Aberdeen district, are as a father to us and we look upon you for paternal protection, do we not?"

Mr. Orme (appearing for the Crown) remarked that the rural police did to some extent occupy that position, and witness agreed.

And under such circumstances, continued the prisoner, "you would not say anything which is not right? You would not, in other words, like to see your children get into trouble?"

Sergeant Floyd—No, I would not. Prisoner—My domestic on arrival at the station, make a report about the vegetables being stolen didn't show that I was a murderer or had committed any grievous crime? Witness—No, he certainly did not. He only appeared to be in a hurry.

Prisoner—No, in that district of Aberdeen apart a very peculiar district and there is a likelihood that when I spoke to the interpreter you may not have understood what I said?—Yes, quite so. That is true.

Prisoner—I do not mean to say that you deliberately were a falsehood just now. I merely wish to say that you might have made a mistake when you said my matchbox was the nearest to the scene."

His Lordship pointed out that witness had said the reverse.

Prisoner remarked that his own account of seeing the attack at once was more likely than the interpreter's statement that he replied five minutes afterwards.

Sergeant Floyd added that other men were undoubtedly concerned in the affair, and that the first prisoner, so far as he knew, was a quiet, respectable man.

The statements made by the prisoners when charged were then put in. The first prisoner in a statement said he would not have struck because if he had known he was seriously injured by his fall into a gully. He would not have minded if he had been shot—come in the day-time instead of at night.

Prisoner from the dock said the sentence in the statement about striking was wrongly interpreted. He never struck because he was afraid of the other man and said "Is this the proper, Tang Yik."

The second prisoner said he never struck because he was chasing the other man, who got away.

Prisoners called a clansman who was the first witness for the prosecution, asking him about the bamboo poles. Witness said he did not see them with the poles and the jury found both prisoners not guilty, the first unanimously, the second by a majority of five to two.

His Lordship said to the first prisoner that the jury had taken a merciful view, and to the second he remarked "You are very fortunate man. You say you were present and struck this man, but the jury say you are not guilty. You are discharged."

MISSED HIS SHIP.

Sequel to Christmas Rejoicing.

"I happen to know you have a good character in this port. You are not one of those persons who are continually missing their ship. Another time don't sign on unless you intend to go. If you want a Christmas spree you must get leave."

These words were addressed to H. Cornwall, first mate of the s.s. "Kwong Sai," by Commander Beckwith R.N. at the Marine Court this morning.

Defendant, who was charged with neglecting to join his ship on the 31st inst., stated that he intended to join but met a few friends and forgot. When he remembered, the time was ten o'clock and the ship sailed at nine. The next morning he had to go into the Government Civil Hospital and was discharged this morning.

Commander Beckwith asked if it was the result of his conviviality with his friends, and defendant answered he thought so.

The master of the boat, Captain R. Morgan, said that defendant did not join but sent his effects on board. He had to engage another man in defendant's place.

CHINA'S NEW NATIONAL FLAG.

FIVE-RACES SCHEME RETAINED.

It is reliably stated that the form of the national flag of the Empire of Chung Hwa has been definitely decided upon and a sketch of it has been forwarded to the Ministry of Interior by the Ts. Huang Ti, who is said to be quite pleased with it. The flag in form is not unlike the Union Jack of England, the only difference being in colour. It is made up of four rectangular pieces joined to the four arms of a red cross, making a big rectangular flag. The ground-work is further divided by two red stripes joining the opposite corners of the rectangle, thus bisecting the four small rectangular pieces from corner to corner. The two crosses, one vertical and one diagonal, represent the Han or Chinese race proper, while the four small rectangular pieces which are yellow, black, white and blue in colour, represent the Mongols, Manchus, Tibetans, and Manchus respectively. The colours are arranged for the left upper corner as stated above in the direction as the hand of a clock works. The whole flag is to be seven units long by five units wide and the vertical cross one unit width and the diagonal cross three units of a unit wide. The Ministry of Interior is now making a sample for the Palace; and when this is finished and approved by the Ts. Huang Ti, the same will be adopted as the latest Chinese national flag.

THE BEST COUGH MEDICINE.
CHAMBERLAIN'S Cough Remedy is the largest selling cough medicine in the world to-day, because it does exactly what a cough medicine is supposed to do. It stops coughs and colds speedily and effectively. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

ANOTHER NEW FRENCH MAIL STEAMER.

The s.s. "Porthos" belonging to the Messageries Maritimes Co., which left Marseilles on the 25th November, on her maiden voyage, will arrive in Hongkong on January 1st or 2nd, coming from Hainan and bound for Japan.

This vessel, a sister-ship to the s.s. "Athos," was also built in Dunkirk by the "Chantiers de France" and has two following dimensions—Length, 330 feet; breadth, 62 feet; depth, 45 feet; and displacement, 13,133 tons.

Her engines develop 9,000 horse-power. An average speed of 17½ knots was realized at the official trial. The liner is equipped in every possible way to meet the requirements of travellers wanting the best conditions of comfort. The laundry fitted out with electric materials and the large refrigerating room deserve special mention.

The first-class portion of the ship with dining-room, music room, smoking room finely decorated, can accommodate 94 passengers. The second and third classes are fitted out with spacious cabins for 96 and 100 passengers respectively. The between decks are able to take over 1,000 persons.

The cargo is loaded into five hatches with electric cranes of the latest type. The owners have devoted close attention to the matter of life-saving appliances on board. A great number of life-buoys can be put overboard merely by handling an electric switch. The hull of the ship is divided into ten watertight compartments. All of them can be shut simultaneously from the bridge by the officer of the watch in case of danger, so that the "Porthos" is practically unsinkable.

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SHIPS AND POLICE EXAMINATION.

A "PASS" RECOMMENDED.

The master of the s.s. "Haiyang" (Capt. A. E. W. Hodgins) was charged this morning with leaving the waters of the Colony before the ship had been examined by a police officer on November 10th.

P. S. Moes stated that he saw the boat leaving the harbour before she had been examined.

Defendant said that he was under the impression that the ship had been cleared by the police as an emigration officer was on board with his staff and the chief officer came and told him that everything was in order, that the inspection was finished and that the police were satisfied.

That being the case he left the Port. Defendant suggested, that he might have some pass from the police that the ship was cleared as, with all the various officials on board, it was difficult to know when one could leave the Port. He pointed out that at Singapore when the ship was cleared and ready a pass was issued.

Ellis Walker, chief officer of the s.s. "Haiyang" said he saw a Police officer on board and he found out later that he was attached to the Emigration Department. That officer told him the ship was all right and he reported that to the master.

Com. Beckwith, in dismissing the case, said that he was of opinion that the master took reasonable precautions before leaving the Port and that a mistake arose through the ship having finished her emigration business and being reported correct. In future he would ask the Hon. Captain Superintendent of Police to issue a "police pass."

VICTORIA THEATRE.

The Victoria Theatre is showing another good all-round programme this week, the evening's entertainment including Palko's British Gazette, a series showing the bombardment of the Turkish coast by the Russian Black Sea fleet, some beautiful panoramic views of Greece, good comedies in "The Ricco," "The Heart of Lisette" and "Jack of Broken Gulch," and a long through dramatic picture entitled "From Circus to Racecourse."

To-morrow night there will be an entire change of programme, the "star" piece being a thrilling detective drama entitled "The Clue of the Cigar Band." The new Keystone comedies are stated to be very funny.

CHINA STOCK AND SHARE HANDBOOK.

The "China Stock and Share Handbook" compiled by Mr. H. E. Morris and Mr. C. B. Maguire of Shanghai and annually published by the N. O. Daily News and Herald, Ltd., has just been issued for 1915. To the investor in China Stocks and Shares the volume is most useful. A page is devoted to each company and where possible the financial position of the company is shown for a period of four or five years. This edition of the book brings the information down to the last completed financial year. A new feature of the work is a section which gives a historic financial record, the highest and lowest rates of exchange, highest and lowest rates of silver, stocks of silver in Shanghai, Chinese Government Loans from foreign sources, public loan bonds for military requirements of the Republic of China and other information of the kind. The Handbook is issued at \$3 and to the man or woman who deals in stocks and shares it is a very desirable investment.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

SPECIAL DAY OF INTERCESSION.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

SIR—I shall be grateful if you will allow me to announce through the medium of your paper, that the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have, with the entire approbation and endorsement of His Majesty the King, requested that Sunday next, January 2nd, may be observed as a day of solemn intercession to Almighty God in connection with the war, and of thankful recognition of the devotion which has been forthcoming in the manifold and womanhood of our country. I have requested the Chaplains in charge of the Anglican Churches in the Colony to carry out their Grace's suggestion, and to hold such services of intercession at the usual hours on Sunday next.

I am,
Yours, etc.,
G. H. VICENT,
St. Paul's College, Dec. 2

THE WAR.

TODAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

COMPULSION FOR SINGLE MEN.

THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION.

LONDON, Dec. 29. The *Westminster Gazette* says the number of single men who have not attested is much greater than was anticipated, amounting to 650,000, very few of whom are in Government "starred," or indispensable industries. The decision of the Government to apply "compulsion" immediately will not lead to the break up of the Government or to a General Election. Possibly one or two Ministers may resign, but it is more likely that Mr. Asquith will convince all his colleagues of the necessity for the step. A small minority in the House of Commons will fight the proposal, but, as the Opposition will not extend to 200 Liberals and a considerable section of the Labourites whom some quarters claim as against compulsion.

The *Times* and the *Daily Mail* also declare that a definite decision was reached at yesterday's Cabinet that Mr. Asquith's pledge should be redeemed immediately and that the principle of compulsion should be accepted.

The *Daily News* says the Cabinet identified itself strongly with Mr. Asquith's pledge to the married men, and adds: "The situation is delicate, but it is hoped that no crisis may be averted."

The newspapers generally agree that the Cabinet is not unanimous, but it is stated that the minority may accept the decision in order to preserve unity.

In this connection the position of Mr. Henderson is interesting. As the representative of Labour, he regarded himself as committed against Conscription. Anyhow he will certainly consult his political associates. It is remarked that the Labour Party never bound Mr. Henderson on the question.

The *Daily Chronicle* says in regard to the men who have not attested that some members of the Cabinet desired further voluntary effort to bring in those, but Lord Derby was strongly averse; so also was Mr. Asquith. The *Chronicle* adds: "The total figure comprises many engaged in essential industries and in numerous cases the son is the bread winner."

It is stated that the Cabinet's decision in favour of immediate compulsion of the unmarried men who have not attested was opposed by Mr. McKenna and Mr. Runciman, who believe the Government plan will prejudice Trade and Finance. Their resignation is possible.

The *Westminster Gazette* says Mr. Asquith's redemption of his pledge was never doubtful; the only question was that of giving a further chance to Lord Derby's scheme. Mr. Lloyd George strenuously opposed further delay. His belief that it was necessary to take immediate action largely contributed to the Cabinet's decision, which was unanimously supported by the great majority of the Ministers. All questions arising out of the decision have been thoroughly explored by the Government, and the claims on behalf of munitions, exports and finance have not been forgotten.

ON THE WESTERN FRONT.

PARIS, Dec. 29. A communique states:—The night has been quiet except in the Chaulnes sector where there was fighting by grenades, and in Champagne where we bombarded the enemy's defences west of Navarin Farm.

THE CHILDREN'S COLDS.

WATCH the children's colds and coughs before they weaken the vitality. Use Chamberlain's Cough Remedy freely. It is perfectly safe. It has been tested by chemists and pronounced free from injurious substances and casts but a trifle. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

FRENCH OPTIMISM.

"PLENTY OF MEN."

PARIS, Dec. 29. French optimism as to the outcome of the war was voiced by General Gallieni in the Senate on the occasion of the passage of a Bill authorising the calling out of the 1917 recruits. "France," he said, "who eighteen months ago wanted peace to-day wants War with its whole energy. Anyone who utters the word 'Peace' is regarded as a bad citizen. The great struggle will only end when France with her Allies is in a position to say: 'I stop. Having obtained what I wanted, I resume peace-time labours.'"

M. Gervais, the Reporter on the Bill, said the Army Committee had examined the question of effectives and come to the conclusion that there was no ground for anxiety. France had plenty of men to last to the end.

ALLIES AT SALONIKA.

NOTABLE SPEECH BY M. VENIZELOS.

ATHENS, Dec. 29. On the occasion of the name-day of M. Venizelos thousands of citizens of all classes, representatives of various corporations, and Diplomats called to offer their congratulations to the 85th birthday. Replying to an address presented by the representatives, Mr. Venizelos dwelt on the Bulgarian danger and the importance of the Allies remaining at Salonika.

A SIGNIFICANT STATEMENT.

ATHENS, Dec. 29. The following significant statement appears in a pro-German paper:—

"An Austro-German attack on Salonika would be useless, because, owing to the fortifications, the Allies can neither be crushed nor taken prisoners. The only result of a successful Austro-German attack would be the transference of the Anglo-French forces to another front, reinforcing the armies the Austro-Germans already face."

This presumably inspired argument is equivalent to an avowal of non possumus.

THE ALLIES' LINES AT SALONIKA.

AN INTERESTING DESCRIPTION.

LONDON, Dec. 29. Reuter's Correspondent at Headquarters at Salonika says the British lines remind him of the Turkish lines at Chatalja. "But here," he writes, "the valley is considerably broader and the hills higher than those of the Thracian battle-ground. The Allies' lines roughly extend in a wide semi-circle from the River Vardar to the Gulf of Phlœas, of which half is naturally defended by Lakes Langaza and Beshi. The whole is surrounded by a broad valley offering no cover, and a girdle of hills guards the approaches to Salonika. On these are placed guns which command the length and breadth of the valley. On the slopes towards the North are the remains of the trenches where the Turks intended to make their last stand in the first Balkan War. Some of their barbed wire entanglements are still intact and have been utilised by us. Our trenches are like those in Flanders and France—deep and narrow. The region is full of historical interest. Soldiers have developed the collectors' spirit, occasionally unearthing coins, statuettes, vases and pottery. I was impressed with the whole-hearted confidence of the men in their ability to hold the lines; indeed they are most eager that the enemy should attempt to advance."

AMERICA AND AUSTRIA.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29. It is stated that in reply to the anxious note there will be a severance of relations.

[This telegram seems to have suffered some mutilation in transmission, as it is scarcely intelligible as it stands.—Ed.]

GERMAN PLOTS IN AMERICA.

A SENSATIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29. A sensational development in connection with the German plots is the arrest of Frank Buchanan and H. Fowler, respectively a member and an ex-member of Congress, both of Illinois; Francis Monnet, a former Attorney-General, of Ohio; Jacob Taylor, President of the Labour National Peace Council; and three others.

They are to be indicted before a Grand Jury with conspiring to foment strikes in munition works. It is believed the arrests are the result of Straggo, Secretary of the Peace Council, who tried to prevent the shipment of munitions to the Allies, turning States evidence.

THE "VILLE DE LA CIOTAT" TRAGEDY.

FAR EASTERN MEN MISSING.

LONDON, Dec. 29. The Messageries Maritimes Co. announce that the *Ville de la Ciotat* missing passengers include fourteen British Volunteers from Colombo, unnamed, a Mr. Moons from Singapore and M. Boachard from Shanghai.

THE FIGHT ON THE EGYPTIAN FRONTIER.

CAIRO, Dec. 29.

A strong column of all arms of the western frontier force marched out from Mirsamatra on Christmas morning to drive back a Tripolitan force which was encamped in a valley eight miles to the west.

Our casualties were slight. A reconnaissance had previously encountered the enemy on the 11th and 13th inst.

The result to the enemy was 300 casualties.

LATER. The operations on the 25th inst. were completely successful. A Tripolitan force numbering 3,000 strong were driven back near Mirsamatra, leaving over 200 dead. The gunfire of the ships gave effective support.

RUSSIANS MARCHING TO ISPAHAN.

TEHRAN, Dec. 27. The Russians have occupied Kashan and are marching to Ispahhan.

ITALIANS APPROACHING FRONTIER OF EPIRUS.

PARIS, Dec. 29. It is reported from Salonika that detachments of the Italian Army which landed at Valona are approaching the frontier of Epirus.

INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS.

LONDON, Dec. 29.

The evening papers comment sympathetically on the Indian National Congress. The *Poll Mail Gazette* says Mr. Sinha's presidency indicates that the Congress is reaching the status of a responsible, practical-minded body. His address will commend itself to every real friend of the Empire.

The *Globe* says nothing finer is imaginable than Mr. Sinha's statement that reforms are not expected as a reward for loyalty.

RUSSIAN MISSION TO JAPAN.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 29. The Grand Duke George Michaelovitch has left for Tokyo to convey the greetings of the Tsar to the Emperor of Japan on the occasion of his Coronation.

SUBMARINE PIRACY.

LONDON, Dec. 29. The British steamer *Morning* has been sunk. The master and second mate were saved.

NEW BISHOP OF DOVER.

LONDON, Dec. 29. Canon Bilborough, Rural Dean of Liverpool, has been appointed Bishop of Dover, in succession to Dr. Walsh, who has resigned.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, Dec. 29.

The death is announced of the Rt. Hon. Sir Arthur Wilson, K.C.I.E., formerly Legal Adviser and Solicitor to the India Office.

The death is also announced from Wellington of Mr. Andrew Ross, owner of the Cocos Islands.

CHINESE TELEGRAM.

(Wah Tse Yat Po's Service.)

NO NEW YEAR AUDIENCE.

Peking, Dec. 29. There will be no audience or official congratulations on New Year's Day.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE BRITISH FRONT.

LONDON, Dec. 28. A British official statement says: Last night we exploded a mine near Fricourt, inflicting considerable damage on the enemy.

To-day the enemy has shown rather more than usual artillery activity, notably south of the La Bassée Canal, near Arras and Ypres. We replied effectively and good results were observed.

PIERCE FIGHTING ON RUSSIAN FRONT.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 28. A communique reports German activity south of Lake Babit where the Germans attempted to rush the barbed wire entanglements but the Russians kept out from their trenches and tackled their assailants driving them back to their own trenches.

Pierce fighting continues in Galicia.

INTERESTING DEPARTURES FROM AMERICA.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29. Colonel House, President Wilson's special emissary, who is going to Europe to convey the President's views to the American Ambassadors, has left.

Captain Boy-Ed, the disgraced German Naval Attaché, departed on the same ship under a British safe-conduct.

Captain Boy-Ed, interviewed, denounced the "reckless utterances of the irresponsible Press."

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT LIVERPOOL.

LONDON, Dec. 28. Several thousand pounds damage was caused by fire in a rice mill warehouse at Liverpool.

FRENCH PROGRESS IN THE VOSGES.

PARIS, Dec. 29. A communique states:—

Our artillery exploded an ammunition depot near Stedsmotte, and we effectively bombarded the railway station near Lens and a sector of Angres.

Our bombardment of a wood in the region of Rheims started a great conflagration.

French artillery in Lorraine successfully cannonaded enemy works. There has been an intense artillery duel in the Vosges. We carried some trenches at Hartmannswillerkopf which were still held by the enemy between the summits of Reihelsen and Hirsstein, capturing 100 prisoners.

BRITISH STEAMER SUNK.

LONDON, Dec. 28. The British steamer *Versin* has been sunk. The crew have been landed.

VARNA AGAIN BOMBARDED.

ROME, Dec. 28. A telegram from Bulgharest says that the Russians again bombarded Varna on Friday and sank a Bulgarian torpedo boat. Numerous fires were observed in the town.

COMPULSION FOR SINGLE MEN?

PREMIER SAID TO HAVE DECIDED.

LONDON, Dec. 29. The *Morning Post* and the *Daily Chronicle* state that Mr. Asquith at yesterday's Cabinet meeting told his colleagues that he had decided that a measure of compulsion towards the single men who had not enlisted was necessary.

COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT'S POWERS.

MELBOURNE, Dec. 28. The *Age* says that the State Parliaments having failed to pass the Bill conferring on the Commonwealth Government during the war and for a period of one year thereafter the powers sought by Referendum, with limitations, a special sitting of the Federal Parliament will be summoned to pass legislation to overcome the difficulty.

SWEDISH STEAMER SUNK.

CREW THREE DAYS IN BOATS IN TERRIBLE WEATHER.

LONDON, Dec. 28. The crew of the Swedish steamer *Neretva*, which was sunk in the North Sea on the 25th inst. when bound from Boston, Lincolnshire, to Copenhagen, have been landed at Grimsby and Immingham. The men spent three days in the boats in terrible weather, and were completely exhausted when rescued.

SINKING OF THE "VILLE DE LA CIOTAT."

SUBMARINE CREW JIBED AT "SURVIVORS."

MARSA, Dec. 28.

There were 316 persons on board the French mail steamer *Ville de la Ciotat*, including 135 passengers, of whom three were British.

Survivors state that the liner was off Malta at 10 o'clock in the morning on Friday when she sighted, first, a Dutch steamer, and then, a minute later, a Greek steamer. Almost immediately a terrific explosion shook the liner from stem to stern and the water rushed in. Simultaneously with the explosion, a submarine, flying the Austrian flag, appeared on the surface a few yards away.

The general opinion on board was that one of the neutral vessels was covering the submarine. Both disappeared.

Despite the enormous hole in the stern and the shock there was no panic on the *Ville de la Ciotat*. Five boats and rafts were launched. One boat capsized, and its occupants, all women and children, were drowned. Another boat was smashed at the ship's side. Finally the liner plunged, taking down most of those who perished. The submarine remained until the liner disappeared, and then circled round the lifeboats, jeering at the survivors, telling them "There is a British steamer behind. It will pick you up."

The British steamer *Mercos* came up two hours later, and spent 30 minutes in rescue work, though the submarine was still visible.

GERMAN INFLUENCE ON FRENCH TRADE.

The London Correspondent of the *Birmingham Post* writes: I am told that efforts are being made by manufacturers in Eastern France to develop an export trade in conjunction with British firms, in order to displace the German influence hitherto exercised over their affairs. As far as concerns French manufactures such as the cottons and woollens of Northern France and the silks of Lyons, the competition of the future may lie between British and German merchant firms, with Swiss houses to act as competitors on both sides. There have been a number of manufacturers' agents in London, some of them Englishmen, who have represented both French and German factories, and have derived their advantage from the ability to act as a sort of clearing-house for open enquiries, getting the goods made in the cheaper, usually the German, factory. Many readjustments will occur in these directions when trade is fully resumed, and meantime a close interchange of ideas and community of interests is in progress of development between buyers and sellers in England on the one hand and buyers and sellers outside the war zone of France on the other.

GERMANY FORBIDS SALE OF SHIPS.

Germany evidently means to keep her merchant fleet intact for use if possible after the restoration of peace, and has adopted legislation to prevent any of her subjects disposing of their vessels, or of their holdings in steamship lines, because of the great loss they are suffering through this war. This measure, which is now promulgated, forbids German citizens who own, or have a share in any merchant ship, from selling it to anyone who is not a German subject, the law applying to German subjects in foreign countries. One effect will be to dispose definitely of all the projects for the purchase by American citizens of German merchant vessels now interned in American ports. It will doubtless also make it impossible for the United States Government to acquire the ownership of any of these vessels under its proposed scheme for the establishment of a State-owned merchant marine.

To-day's Advertisements

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

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Hongkong, Dec. 30, 1915. 1107

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R. M. DYER.
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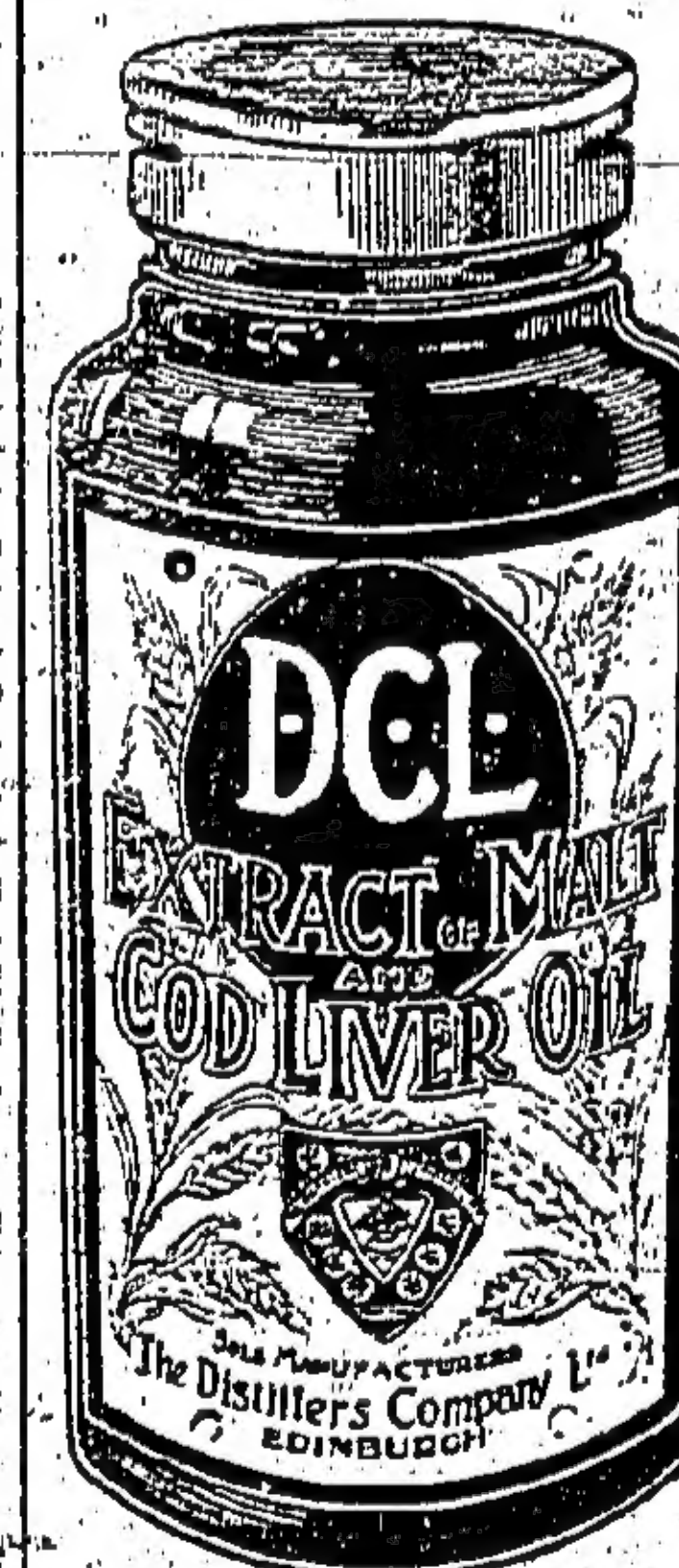
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S.S. "KALIO MARU" Capt. Murakami, Sunday, 2nd Jan. at 10 a.m.

For ANEING and TAKAO via SWATOW and AMOY:
S.S. "SOSEU MARU" Capt. A. Kobayashi, Wednesday, 5th Dec. at 8 a.m.

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BANHI MARU	For Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang, Sourabaya, Macassar & Balikpapan	24th Jan.
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FOR	STEAMERS	To Sail
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HAIPHONG	Wuhu	Dec. 31, Daylight
SHANGHAI	Luichow	Jan. 2, Daylight
SHANGHAI	Raifong	Jan. 4, at 10 a.m.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	Yanchow	Jan. 4, at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	Yanchow	Jan. 4, at 4 p.m.
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SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	NAMSANG	FRIDAY, Dec. 31, Daylight
HAIPHONG	TAKSANG	FRIDAY, Dec. 31, at 8 a.m.
MANILA	DOONGSANG	FRIDAY, Dec. 31, at 3 p.m.
SHANGHAI via FOCHOW	CHOSANG	TUESDAY, Jan. 4, Daylight
SANDAKAN	MAUSANG	TUESDAY, Jan. 4, at Noon
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	RUMSANG	TUESDAY, Jan. 4, at 3 p.m.
SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	EUTSANG	THURSDAY, Jan. 6, Daylight
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	FOOSANG	THURSDAY, Jan. 6, at 3 p.m.
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Steamer	Tons & Speed	Leave Hongkong
KIYO MARU	17,200-15 knots	Sat., 8th Jan. at Noon
OHIO MARU	22,000-21 knots	Tues., 25th Jan. at Noon
PERIA MARU	9,000-17 knots	Mon., 31st Jan. at Noon
TENYO MARU	22,000-21 knots	Tues., 15th Feb. at Noon
KIPPON MARU	11,000-15 knots	Tues., 29th Feb. at 10.30 a.m.
DAIREN MARU	8,000-14 knots	Tues., 3rd Mar. at Noon
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KIYO MARU	17,200-15 knots	Saturday, 8th Jan. at Noon

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VICTORIA, B.C. & SEAT- TLE Via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA & YOKOHAMA	SADO MARU, Capt. Tons 12,500	SATURDAY, 15th Jan., at Noon.	
SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE Via MANILA, THURS- DAY ISLAND, TOWNS- VILLE AND BRISBANE	AWA MARU, Capt. T. Hori, Tons 12,500	TUESDAY, 26th Jan. at Noon.	
SHANGHAI MOJI & KOBE	NIKKO MARU, Capt. Takeda, Tons 9,500	FRIDAY, 14th Jan. at 4 p.m.	
CALCUTTA via SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON.	SHITACHI MARU, Capt. Tomimaga, Tons 13,500	TUESDAY, 15th Feb. at 11 a.m.	
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE, MALACCA AND COLOMBO	KAMAKURA MARU, Capt. Higo, Tons 12,500	WEDNESDAY, 5th Jan.	
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	CEYLON MARU, Capt. Fujino, Tons 10,000	SATURDAY, 8th Jan.	
SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	FENANG MARU, Capt. Murakami, Tons 8,000	WEDNESDAY, 5th Jan.	
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	SHITACHI MARU, Capt. Tomimaga, Tons 13,500	FRIDAY, 14th Jan. at 10 a.m.	
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	SATSUTA MARU, Capt. T. Sato, Tons 16,000	SATURDAY, 1st Jan. at 10 a.m.	

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Hongkong, Dec. 28, 1915. 1105

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